

Second World War Unit War Diary - 10th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regiment, Feb 1944 - Major Warren

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Commanding Officer D

Month and Year Feb 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ANZIO LA COGNA	27	0600	Decided to supply Coy by carrying & conveying, by 100% Peace and by improving paths etc. 10. to supervise work of roads, taping cutting steps etc. Back to supply carrying party of 100.	Pls
		0700	RN states P&P house held by 200 & 50 Bde Sloop	C27 1 Copy only
		1100	Sgt Baird 1600 Scot at P&P. Says P&P house now being struck by own arty. - Doc P&P Sloop	C28 1 Copy only
		1030-1130	10. reconns route envisages steps to be cut & sawbagged in Wadi banks	DBI.
		1220	I see guides set off to contact C Coy and lay cable to guide recon party. Contact C Coy 2030	
		2230	Patrol & two parties move off. All except 12 men deliver loads in wadi. All quiet no casualties	Pls. 34
		28 0430	Strong enemy patrol said C Coy HQ. Heavy hand to hand fighting. Severe casualties. Major Warren & Major Bird (A Coy) killed.	

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ANZIO LA COGNA	28	0630	Fighting still in progress. Heavy casualties Major Baird & 2K missing Capt Worsop RA (Kou 250 Bty) in Comd. 2 Coys now total approx 60 strong.	Pls
		1830	I see move off to guide up Supply Parties	Pls
		2030	Parties arrive at G. Considerable shelling as party waits at Grey Horse to pick up loads - some casualties. Heavy rain & pitch black night. Patrol party fails to find Coy's Wadi entrance & is forced to return with supplies. - 168 Bde 00 No 16 - Recon area being organised for defence - E 6	
		29 1030	2/6 Queens to relieve Bn night 29/1 March Route to be reconnoitred & retaped. Telephone line to be laid across open stretch.	
		2130	2/6 Queens arrive at White Horse, guided up by own guides.	Pls
		2200	Shelling - some casualties to 2/6 Queens & own S Bde V. slow going for Queen. Raining - Pitch Dark	